

HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mae Cash, Joseph Hulwi, Judith Kulpa, Gerard Kupperman, Raymond Rattner, William Simic, and Michael Thelen (arrived 12:55 pm)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: John McEwen

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ruby Jefferson-Moore

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Braatz and Tamie Buckingham

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gerard Kupperman called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: Approval of CE Requests  
Review of Assembly Bill 811  
Review of 1999 Bill LRB-4193/1.

MOTION: Joseph Hulwi moved, seconded by Raymond Rattner, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: Joseph Hulwi moved, seconded by Raymond Rattner, to nominate Gerard Kupperman as Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Gerard Kupperman moved, seconded by Raymond Rattner, to nominate Joseph Hulwi as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Joseph Hulwi moved, seconded by Raymond Rattner, to nominate William Simic as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Raymond Rattner moved, seconded by Joseph Hulwi, to approve the minutes of December 6, 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

## SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Patrick Braatz states that this is an informational report that is produced monthly and would be in their agendas. It lets you know what is going on in the department, if there are any pending court cases and what legislation is taking place with all the professions.

### REVIEW OF ASSEMBLY BILL 725 RELATING TO STUDENT LOANS

Patrick Braatz reports that this bill is for information, but if the board did want to take action it would be to support, oppose, or have no opinion. This bill affects all health professions and lawyers. Some states have the policy that if a health professional is in arrears on their government student loans that the state can take action against their license. Our boards feel that the government has no place in this area, and if we held up their credential than they would not be able to pay back their student loan.

Ruby Jefferson-Moore points out that the department presently does check a credential holder against revenue and child support for owed money. If back money is owed that the credential holder would have to make arrangements with revenue and child support, then those departments would contact us in order for us to proceed with the credentialing or renewals.

### REVIEW OF ASSEMBLY BILL 811 RELATING TO PERSONAL GUARANTEES FOR SALES OF HEARING AIDS

MOTION: Joseph Hulwi moved, seconded by William Simic, to oppose Assembly Bill 811 because the market place already dictates the guarantee and putting it into law would inhibit the dealer. Motion carried unanimously.

### SECRETARY CUMMINGS

Secretary Cummings states that she will be able to spend more time with the boards with the hiring of a new Deputy Secretary. The other changes taking place in the agency is a team concept. This will allow more than one person to be familiar with a number of professions.

### 1999 BILL LRB-4193/1 RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF HEARING TESTING AND HEARING AIDS

MOTION: Joseph Hulwi moved, seconded by Michael Thelen, to oppose LRB-4193/1. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF SENATE BILL 389 RELATING TO  
ELIMINATE REFERENCES TO CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION TO  
PRACTICE AUDIOLOGY OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

MOTION: Raymond Rattner moved, seconded by Joseph Hulwi, to support Senate Bill 389 as it relates to the professions of Audiology, Hearing Instrument Specialist, and Speech-Language Pathologist. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE OF THE VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF THE  
HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST LICENSE OF AUDIOLOGIST

Patrick Braatz updated the board that we have received all the requests on the refund to audiologist who also held the hearing instrument specialist license. The board sent out a letter for them to return by February 1, 2000 to voluntarily surrender their hearing instrument specialist license. Now we are in the process of doing their historical events for to read that they voluntarily surrendered their license per 1999 Wisconsin Act 49. Next we will be cutting and mailing the checks on the same day for \$150.00 projected to be out by March 31, 2000.

DISCUSSION OF AN AUDIOLOGIST WHO ELECTED NOT TO RENEW THE  
HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST LICENSE AND  
CONTINUE TO USE THE TITLE "HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST"

Ruby Jefferson-Moore has an individual who holds both the audiologist and hearing instrument specialist license. If she were to give up her hearing instrument specialist license per 1999 Wisconsin Act 49 could she still be able to use the title of hearing instrument specialist for the purposes of advertisement.

MOTION: Joseph Hulwi moved, seconded by Michael Thelen, that the board does believe it to be misleading to the public if the audiologist does not hold a hearing instrument specialist license to use the title. Motion carried unanimously.

CE REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE WHO HOLD MORE THAN ONE CREDENTIAL

MOTION: Michael Thelen moved, seconded by Joseph Hulwi that CE's could apply as appropriate to the profession in the subject matter in audiology and hearing instrument specialist. Motion carried unanimously.

Gerard Kupperman volunteered to write an article about the issue of CE's for dual licensure.

## CE REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

MOTION: Judy Kulpa moved, seconded by William Simic, to approve St Elizabeth Hospital-Speech Pathology Department self-study course for three hours. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Judy Kulpa moved, seconded by Raymond Rattner, to approve Theda Care-Speech Therapy Department course in Voice Evaluation and Treatment for eight hours. Motion carried unanimously.

## DISCUSSION OF NEED FOR LICENSURE FOR THOSE WHO TEACH AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY IN PROGRAMS NOT INVOLVING PRACTICUMS

Gerard Kupperman raised the issue if university professors who teach courses that go beyond the point of didactic presentations and information but get involved in doing research which involve subjects should they be required to hold a state license for the purpose of protecting the public. ASHA is saying that as long as the public and research project are protected by some university or government based protocol that they find this to be sufficient protection of the public.

Patrick Braatz suggest that we check what 45 CFR 46 reads and bring it back to the board for review, also he will find out how many credential holders this would affect.

## ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Joseph Hulwi moved, seconded by Michael Thelen, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(a)(b)(f) and (g), deliberation of proposed stipulations that may be signed after mailing of agenda, review of board orders, Division of Enforcement, administrative warning, review of applications and examination issues and results. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mae Cash-yes, Michael Thelen-yes, Raymond Rattner-yes, Joseph Hulwi-yes, Judith Kulpa-yes, William Simic-yes, and Gerard Kupperman-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The open session of the meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm and reconvened at 3:55 pm.

## RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Joseph Hulwi moved, seconded by Michael Thelen, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

## VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSE SESSION

MOTION: Raymond Rattner moved, seconded by Michael Thelen, to approve the ethics courses required by Katy Rose Chapman and to issue her an unlimited license. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Joseph Hulwi moved, seconded by Judith Kulpa, to deny the courses taken for ethics and suspend the license of Tina Spellman. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Michael Thelen moved, seconded by William Simic, to close 98HAD018 for prosecutorial discretion PD P5 and flag it for Division of Enforcement. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Simic moved, seconded by Joseph Hulwi, to have Lisa Mathison renew her temporary and not grant her a permanent license until ASHA approves her CFY. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Michael Thelen moved, seconded by Joseph Hulwi, to deny Michelle F Olson's request for a third renewal of her temporary permit because the board does not have the authority. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Simic moved, seconded by Raymond Rattner, to rescind the board action made on December 6, 1999 to deny license and offer a reprimand to Rachel Jarvey. This matter will be referred to the Division of Enforcement for further investigation. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Joseph Hulwi moved, seconded by Raymond Rattner, to refer the matter to Division of Enforcement for further investigation of John Mortensen. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Judith Kulpa moved, seconded by Raymond Rattner, to deny licensure of Barbara Hoffman based on the fact that she has not passed the NESPA examination and has not successfully finished her CFY. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Raymond Rattner moved, seconded by Michael Thelen, to grant licenses to those who passed the Hearing Instrument Specialist examination. Motion carried unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Joseph Hulwi moved, seconded by Michael Thelen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.

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